

## **AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Please amend claims as shown below.

Claim 1 (currently amended): A carrier system comprising:

a plurality of container tubes, each container tube having an open end and a closed end and therefore being capable of holding items;

a body member having a plurality of first receiving openings recesses aligned substantially in parallel and each having a central axis and

a ridge member disposed along a portion of the body member and extending substantially parallel with said central axes, the ridge member provided with plurality of openings ~~second openings~~ wherein the ~~first openings~~ recesses are adapted to receive and frictionally retain the container tubes therein, each container tube encloses a storage space and a portion of each container tube extends a distance from the body member when secured thereto, the storage space being accessible when the tube is unsecured from the disk body member.

Claim 2 (currently amended): The carrier system of claim 1, wherein the container tubes are removably securable to the body member via a frictional attachment between exterior surfaces of the tubes and interior surfaces of the ~~first openings~~ recesses.

Claim 3 (cancelled)

Claim 4 (currently amended): The carrier system of claim 1, wherein the ~~first openings~~ recesses have a first diameter, the second openings have a second diameter, and the first diameter is different from the second diameter.

Claim 5 (original): The carrier system of claim 1, wherein the ridge member extends substantially along a length of the body member.

Claim 6 (currently amended): The carrier system of claim 1, wherein the ~~second~~ openings are adapted to receive and frictionally retain ~~a sheeting~~ an accessory therein.

Claim 7 (original): The carrier system of claim 1, further comprising a lanyard, the lanyard for securing the carrier system to a user, and the lanyard being connectable to an attachment opening disposed in the ridge member.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The carrier system of claim 1, wherein the body member and the ridge member are molded from a flexible elastomeric material, and wherein the ~~first and second openings~~ recesses and openings are expandable to receive and frictionally retain therein accessories, wherein when the accessories are removed ~~from the first and second openings~~, the ~~first and second~~ recesses and openings return to a pre-expansion dimension.

Claim 9 (original): The carrier system of claim 1, wherein the container tubes provide watertight storage of accessories stored therein.

Claims 10-28 (cancelled)

Claim 29 (new): A carrier system comprising:

a plurality of container tubes, each container tube having an open end and a closed end;

a body member having a plurality of first openings; and

a ridge member disposed along a portion of the body member, the ridge member provided with plurality of second openings arranged substantially perpendicular to the first openings, wherein the first openings are adapted to receive and frictionally retain the container tubes therein, each container tube encloses a storage space and a portion of each container tube extends a distance from the body member when secured thereto, the storage space being accessible when the tube is unsecured from the body member.

Claim 30 (new): A carrier system comprising:

a plurality of container tubes, each container tube having an open end and a closed end and therefore being capable of holding items;

a body member having a plurality of recesses; and

a ridge member disposed along a portion of the body member and extending substantially outwardly from said body, the ridge member provided with plurality of openings wherein the openings are adapted to receive and frictionally retain a plurality of items sized at least slightly larger than the openings;

each container tube enclosing a storage space and a portion of each container tube extending a distance from the body member when secured thereto, the storage space being accessible when the tube is unsecured from the body member.